



Education Kits

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South Dakota State Historical Society



Bringing South Dakota History
to the Classroom

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The South Dakota State Historical Society offers

education kits to South Dakota classrooms and other groups. Each kit contains hands-on objects, lesson plans, ready-to-use worksheets, and a variety of fun and unique activities.

Rental Information

Kits rent for \$23 for a two-week loan period. Borrower is responsible for return mailing costs. (Rental fee is \$13 if borrower picks up and returns kit to the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre)

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South Dakota Environments

South Dakota Environments explores SD environments from the warm forests Triceratops roamed to today's wheat fields. Water resources are also examined. Kit users can compare plains, deserts and woodlands, build a working water tower system and identify grain samples. Objects include dinosaur bone fossils, T-Rex, mammoth and bison figurines and 17 water exhibit panels.



The Buffalo and the Plains Indians

The Buffalo and the Plains Indians teaches students how the buffalo was used by the Plains Indians to meet a wide variety of needs. In this kit, you will find objects made from the buffalo such as a horn spoon, a hair rope and a pair of moccasins.

Fur Trade: Bridging Two Worlds

This kit uses the fur trade as an example of how two very different cultures established common ground. Students will learn about the environmental, economic, social, and cultural aspects of the fur trade. Objects in this kit include buffalo hide, pelts, beads, quillwork, and trade cloth.

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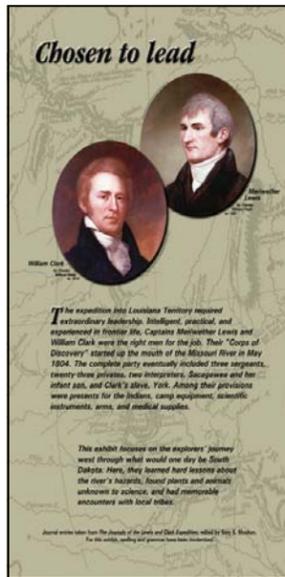
Homesteading

Homesteading lets students explore the not so distant past of early Dakota homesteaders. They can play pioneer games, map changes in population, and learn about building a sod house. Objects in this kit include a sod sample, butter churn, washboard, and barbed wire samples. Nine photographs show early homesteads and settlers.



Lewis and Clark in South Dakota

Seventeen full-color panels use quotes from the expedition journals to tell about the people, animals, and natural landscape that Lewis and Clark found in South Dakota. Hands-on artifacts include a coyote pelt, prairie dog skull, Jefferson peace medal, and mule deer hide sample. Activities include mapping the expedition's route, identifying animals and their tracks, and learning how the Corps communicated with each other.



Archaeology in South Dakota

With this kit, students learn what archaeology is and become familiar with the tools and procedures used in archaeological work. They also learn about cultural artifacts and the customs of prehistoric people. Hands-on items include projectile points, a mano and metate (grinding stone), bone tools, trowel, and plumb bob. Activities include classifying sherds, gridding a dig site, and measuring pots.



Mining in South Dakota

Mining in South Dakota covers the history of mining in South Dakota. Students can pan for gold, map claims, and learn about strip-mining and reclamation. Objects in the kit include mineral samples, gold pans, drill bits, claim maps, and a balance scale. Twenty-one photographs are also included.

South Dakota Immigrants

With this kit, students explore the history and background of ethnic groups that made South Dakota their home. They compare Scandinavian, Celtic and Native American music, learn about different ethnic foods, and do the Scottish Keel Row dance. Object in this kit include Ukrainian pysanky eggs, a lefse turner, an Irish tin whistle, a rosemaled bowl, and Chinese guardian lions. Nineteen photographs are also included.



Dakota, Nakota, Lakota Life

This kit examines the history, culture, and traditions of the Dakota, Nakota and Lakota people in South Dakota. Learn about the horse culture where buffalo hunting provided for all needs, and the huge shift to reservation life. Users can listen to a story in Lakota, and drum and powwow music. Hands-on kit objects include buffalo hide and bones, bone tools, a hand drum, turkey bone whistle, a star quilt, and quill and beadwork samples.



South Dakota Places

South Dakota Places explores both natural places - the Black Hills, badlands, glacial lakes - and places shaped by people such as Mt. Rushmore, the Corn Palace, and Dinosaur Park. Wildlife habitats and state symbols are also covered. Kit users can plan a SD road trip, match animals to their habitats, and make a flour fish print. Kit objects include a walleye fish mold, a Mt. Rushmore model, a mammoth tooth replica and a black-footed ferret figurine.

One-Room Schoolhouse Learning

One-room schoolhouses once dotted the South Dakota landscape. This kit explores the experience of attending a one-room school, and the important role the school played in the community. Kit users can write with pen and ink, do sums with chalk on a slate, and play recess games. Objects in this kit include a syrup pail lunch bucket, a water dipper, a kerosene lamp, and McGuffey's Readers. Fifteen photos are also included.



Trading Posts & General Stores

Dakota settlers depended on general stores for everything from coffee to belt buckles. Trading posts and general stores bartered with customers when cash was in short supply. This kit explores how general stores did business in the state. Kit users can barter for goods, find the best route to a general store, and figure out profit on the sale of their fall harvest. Objects include spice tins, fabric bolts, an egg crate with eggs, a cream can, trade beadwork, and a variety of food tins. Twelve photos are also included.



South Dakota Transportation

South Dakota Transportation covers all aspects of getting around in the state from wagon trails to jet planes. Objects include asphalt and concrete paving samples, horse harness, railroad spikes, road signs, and airline safety cards. Activities include building a bullboat, loading an immigrant railroad car, and identifying parts of an airplane and a steamboat. Twenty-nine photographs are included.

Cowboys & Ranch Life

Students explore the history and development of cattle and sheep ranching with *Cowboys & Ranch Life*. The work cowboys do is also covered. Objects in this kit include a branding iron, cowhide, cowboy boots, spurs, a sheep fleece, and hand carders. Nine photographs are also included.